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1. PLANNING DIVDIR MATANO CALLED IN EMBOFFS JAN 8 TO
PRESENT FONOFF'S LATEST AND FIRMEST VIEWS ON ORGANIZATION
OF PLANNING TALKS DISCUSSIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

A. NORTHEAST ASIA -- FONOFF HAS AGREED TO TACKLE
SUBHEADINGS SUGGESTED BY US BUT WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN WITH
DISCUSSION OF FOUR-POWER
RELATIONSHIPS IN GLOBAL CONTEXT, THEN MOVE TO EXAMINATION
OF FOUR-POWER RELATIONS IN NORTHEAST ASIA. MORE
SPECIFICALLY, THEY WOULD LIKE TO EXAMINE POST-HELSINKI
SOVIET AND CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY MOVES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD (INCLUDING ANGOLA AND MIDDLE EAST) AND IN ASIA,
FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION OF RESPECTIVE POLICIES OF US AND
JAPAN VIS-A-VIS SOVIETS AND CHINESE. MATANO ADDED
THAT DETAILED DISCUSSION OF US-USSR COULD AWAIT US-JAPAN
EXPERTS TALKS TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR. TALKS NEED
CONSIDER ONLY THOSE MOVES RELEVANT TO THE INTERNATIONAL
POWER BALANCE. FINALLY ON NORTHEAST ASIA TOPIC, JAPANESE
WOULD LIKE BRIEF DISCUSSION OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
ON KOREAN PENINSULA AND EFFECT OF THESE MOVES ON
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FUTURE OF PROBLEM.

B. SOUTHEAST ASIA -- FONOFF WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP ITEMS PROPOSED BY US IN SEQUENCE THAT BEGINS WITH DISCUSSION OF STABILIZING AND DESTABILIZING ELEMENTS IN POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF BOTH ASEAN AND INDOCHINESE GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY. NEXT PARTICIPANTS MIGHT EXAMINE MUTUAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INDOCHINESE AND ASEAN COUNTRIES. FINALLY, DISCUSSION SHOULD PROJECT THE KINDS OF RELATIONSHIPS PARTICIPANTS CAN ENVISAGE BETWEEN ASEAN AND INDOCHINA GOVERNMENTS AND THE FOUR POWERS.

IN COURSE OF HANDLING BOTH NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA TOPICS, MATANO FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REVIEW US AND JAPANESE POLICIES TOWARD THESE AREAS IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AS WELL AS GLOBAL CONTEXT. THE JAPANESE ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING FROM US THE BACKGROUND TO THE PRESIDENT'S PACIFIC DOCTRINE SPEECH, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DETROIT SPEECH, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S STATEMENT BEFORE CONGRESS. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHY WE ORDER OUR PRIORITIES AS WE DO, AND WHAT OUR ASPIRATIONS ARE FOR THE FUTURE.

C. NORTH SOUTH ISSUES -- FONOFF LOOKS FORWARD TO REVIEW OF CURRENT SITUATION AND WAYS IN WHICH OECD MEMEBERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO COPING WITH CHALLENGE. IN DOING SO, FONOFF HOPES THAT STRESS CAN BE PLACED ON STRATEGY UNDERLYING COMMON APPROACH TO LDC'S. MATANO EXPRESSED HOPE DISCUSSION OF THIS AND ALL OTHER ISSUES, FOR THAT MATTER, WOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO APPRAISAL OF CURRENT SITUATION, BUT ALSO TO MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM OUTLOOK.

D. FREE DISCUSSION -- AS AGREED, PARTICIPANTS WILL COVER BORAD NEW TRENDS IN PERSPECTIVES TOWARD SECURITY MATTERS. MATANO ALSO SUGGESTED THAT EACH SIDE BE PREPARED TO GIVE THE OTHER AN INFORMAL RUNDOWN OF ITS DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION DURING THIS ELECTION YEAR (FOR BOTH). AS WAS CASE AT NIKKO TALKS IN 1974, DISCUSSION MIGHT BEST OCCUR AFTER DINNER FIRST DAY.

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2. MATANO PLANS TO PREPARE TWO PAPAERS FOR TALKS. FIRST WILL DISCUSS FOUR-POWER RELATIONSHIPS AND NORTHEAST ASIA. SECOND WILL COVER NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. MATANO WISHES TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE ON SHAPE OF PAPERS. AS IN PAST, HE PLANS TO HAVE PAPERS DISCUSS ASPECTS TO BE TAKEN UP IN TALKS WITHOUT BEING TIED SPECIFICALLY TO OUTLINE OF DISCUSSIONS. HE PLANS TO HAVE PAPERS

READY FOR TRANSMISSION TO WASHINGTON NO LATER THAN
JAN 26.

3. TENTATIVELY, PLANNING DEPARTMENT THINKING OF
SVHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

FEB 5 AND 6 PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE TOKYO.

SATURDAY, FEB 7. EARLY AM-PARTICIPANTS DEPART FOR SHIMODA BY TRAIN.

LUNCH-AT CONFERENCE SITE. AFTERNOON-DISCUSSIONS BEGIN.

DINNER.

EVENING-DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE.

SUNDAY, FEB 8. DISCUSSIONS ALL DAY AND IN EVENING.

MONDAY, FEB 9. EXCURSION AND RETURN TO TOKYO. EVENING-SOCIAL
FUNCTION HOSTED BY JAPANESE.

4. JAPANESE EXPECT ROUGHLY 15 PERS ON THEIR SIDE,
INCLUDING BOTH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS ARITA AND
YOSHINO, DIET PERMITTING. THEY ALSO PLAN TO INVITE
DC EMBASSY COUNSELOR KURIYAMA TO ATTEND.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: TO FACILITATE ARRANGMENTS,
WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ASAP NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS
FROM WASHINGTON AND TIMES AND FLIGHT NUMBERS OF THEIR
ARRIVAL.
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